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By the King,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N
Of Pardon to such of His Majesties Subjects in Rebellion, as shall Return to their Obedience.

JAMES R.



Whereas divers of Our Subjects contrary to the Allegiance and Duty which both by the Laws of God, and of this Realm they owe unto Us, have been Enticed and Seduced to joyn themselves in Arms to James Scot late Duke of Monmouth Attainted of High Treason, whereby they have incurred the Danger of all Pains and Penalties due by Law for High Treason: And Considering that many of Our said Subjects may through Ignorance and the subtle Persuasions of others have been misled to Take up Arms and Rebell against Us, rather than from any Evil Rancour against Our Royal Person their Lawful Sovereign, or the Settled Peace of Our Kingdoms: And although We make no doubt through the Assistance of Almighty God, and his Blessing upon Our Arms, to bring all Obstinate Rebels speedily to Condign Punishment; Yet, desiring as much as in Us lies to prevent the Bloodshed and utter Ruine of so many of Our Subjects; We out of Our meer Grace and Princely Compassion to such of Our Subjects now in Arms and Rebellion against Us, as shall speedily return to their Obedience, and embrace the Mercy hereby tendered to them, do hereby Declare Our Will and Pleasure to be, And We do hereby, for Us Our Heirs and Successors, Pardon, Release, Acquit and Discharge all Treasons, Dispositions of Treason, Insurrections, Riots, Routs, Contempts and Trespases committed or done against Us, or Our Dearly Beloved Brother the late King (of ever Blessed Memory) by any Person or Persons now in Actual Arms and Rebellion against Us, except such Persons who are hereby and hereafter excepted and forepized, so as the Person or Persons who is and are willing to receive the Benefit of this Our Gracious Pardon, do lay down his or their Arms, and lay claim to the Benefit of this Our Gracious Pardon before one of Our Justices of the Peace or Deputy-Lieutenants of the County where such Person shall lay down his Arms, or before one of the Officers of Our Army Royal, and shall Receive a Certificate thereof under the Hand of such Justice, Deputy-Lieutenant, or Officer within Four days after Publication or Proclamation of this Our Gracions Pardon be made in Our Camp by Lewis Earl of Feverham Lieutenant General of Our Army, to whom We do hereby grant full Power and Authority to Publish and Proclaim this Our Gracious Pardon.

And We do hereby Charge and Command all and every Our Justices of the Peace, Deputy-Lieutenants and Officers of Our Army, That they do under their Hands give such Certificate of every of Our said Subjects laying claim to this Our Pardon, who shall within the time aforesaid desire the same; And Our Will and Pleasure is, that such Certificate shall be allowed by all and every of Our Justices as sufficient Evidence of Our said Subjects laying claim to this Our Pardon.

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And also Excepted all and every Person and Persons mentioned or Required in or by any former Proclamation to Appear or Render themselves.

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And We do hereby Pardon, Release, Acquit and Discharge to all and every of Our said Subjects not before Excepted, who shall lay hold of this Our Gracious Pardon as aforesaid, all Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures which they or any of them may have incurred for or by reason of any of the Crimes or Offences hereby Pardoned and Discharged against Us Our Heirs and Successors.

Given at Our Court at White-hall the Four and twentieth day of June, 1685. In the First Year of our Reign.

G O D S A V E T H E K I N G.

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